(in lakh tonnes)

| | Marketing | Year FCI | State Agencies | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | RMS | 2007-08 | 15.39 | 95.89 | 111.28 |
| | RMS | 2008-09 | 52.88 | 173.94 | 226.82 |
| Rice | KMS | 2007-08 | 123.97 | 160.32 | 284.29 |
| | KMS | 2008-09* | 15.28 | 108.40 | 123.68 |

* as on 8.12.2008.

(c) The data on quantity of foodgrains procured by the non-Government domestic and foreign organizations is not maintained.

(d) Under the existing policy, the Central Government extends price support to foodgrains through the Government agencies (Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies). Foodgrains conforming to the prescribed specifications offered for sale at specified centres are bought by the public procurement agencies. The farmers have the option to sell their produce either to FCI/State Agencies at Minimum Support Price, or to the private parties, as is advantageous to them.

**Commercial utilization of unutilized property of FCI**

1302. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal for commercial utilization of the unutilized property of Food Corporation of India lying in the form of land and buildings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Malpractices in PDS**

1303. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of PDS outlets/ration dealers in the country;

(b) how many ration dealers were sentenced with imprisonment for malpractices/ misappropriation/ selling/ diverting the items in open market, during last three years and whether PDS grain worth Rs. 31,585.98 crore has been stolen;

(c) the persons arrested/prosecuted/convicted/FIRs filed during last three years, for malpractices under PDS;

(d) the detention orders made by the State Governments during last three years for hoarding, black-marketing etc. of PDS commodities under Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980;